

# St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church

We are called to proclaim and celebrate the Good News. Evangelizing and supporting for the faith journey of every age at every stage is our commitment.

1160 Woodbridge Street, St. Paul. MN 55117

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 25, 2025**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon—Sat 8:30 AM**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 4PM, and 7PM (Neo-catechumenal way – In Grade School)**

**Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Spanish**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: FRIDAY 6:15 PM—6:45 PM during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sat 3:15—3:45 PM, or by appointment.**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 6 months prior to your wedding date.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the office to arrange for a meeting with a priest 2months prior to the Sacrament. Baptism is celebrated every 4th Sunday of the month @ 10 AM & 12 Noon.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK: : Please call the office to arrange for an anointing.**

***For new parishioners, registration forms are available at our website & in parish office.***



### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + John Bosco

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 25**

8:00 am + People of the parish

10:30 am + John Bosco

12:30 pm + Gloria Burgos

### **MONDAY, May 26**

#### ***St. Philip Neri***

8:30 am + John Mercado

### **TUESDAY, May 27**

#### ***St. Augustine of Canterbury***

8:30 am + Bernard Walsh

### **WEDNESDAY, May 28**

#### ***St. Emilius***

8:30 am + Trevor & Larry Jackson

### **THURSDAY, May 29**

#### ***St. Paul VI***

8:30 am + Catherine Tran Thi Maan

### **FRIDAY, May 30**

#### ***St. Joan of Arc***

8:30 am + Catherine Tran Thi Maan

### **SATURDAY, May 31**

#### ***Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:30 am Stephen Lauinger

### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00 pm + Fleischhacker &  
Albert Family

### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, June 1**

8:00 am + Catherine Tran Thi Maan

10:30 am + Catherine Tran Thi Maan

12:30 pm + Souls in Purgatory



Brothers and sisters,

Today's gospel is a continuation of Jesus' awesome discourse to the disciples that we heard last Sunday. This was the talk he gave the night before he died. Jesus is reminding his disciples that if they love him, they will keep his commandments, even after he has departed. Love is promised in many ways today, but true love is shown only in obedience, and faithfulness. Where do we see this today? Not in many places, unfortunately. Often we confuse attraction with love, and this mistake we make every summer when we see someone at the beach who is very attractive. But this is not love.

To truly love God with our whole heart and soul and love our neighbor or our spouse we need help. We need an Advocate, a helper. The word paraclete is someone who is called in. But the reason why the person is called in can help us to understand its deeper meaning. A paraclete is someone called in to help when the person who is calling is in trouble or distress or doubt. An older English word that was used was comforter, but today this has a different meaning. Comforter used to be someone who was brave, bold, courageous. We can say that the Paraclete helps us to cope with things. He helps us to keep the commandments, which by ourselves would be impossible. The Spirit comes to take away our inadequacies and enables us to cope with life.

The Holy Spirit will also help us to see the truth, and not leave us as orphans. Many people today do not have a father, or he is in another city or country. It makes it difficult for them to understand God as a father since their experience of father is a poor one. However, Jesus again promises that he will not leave us alone.

Obedience means to trust in God and not in ourselves. When we obey, Christ comes to stay with us. When we do whatever we want—sex outside of marriage, not marry in the church, not marry at all, refuse to have children—we cut with God, and we are on our own. God reveals himself to us when we trust in him, especially when what is required is something difficult. To live as a Christian today is always difficult, humanly speaking it is impossible. However, if we trust in God his Spirit will come to us and help us to do his will always.

As we prepare for the Ascension and Pentecost let us pray that the Spirit will be our Counselor and Advocate in front of God. Fr. Doss



### SICK OR “HOMEBOUND”

If you are sick or “homebound” (or know someone who is), and would like to receive any Sacrament, please contact the parish office. *If you would like to add a name to our prayer list.* **Prayer Line:** Shirley Collett (651)488-6330; Judy Cloutier at (651)224-2966

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

	Last Week	Budget
Sunday Envelopes	\$3743	4,060
Plate	\$1,365	962
Church Audio & Lighting	\$92	
Worship & Liturgy	\$87	
Building Repair Fund Donations Received:		\$169,815

### WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

**E-Giving or auto-pay from your bank, helps our parish a lot. Please consider giving in this way!**

### REMEMBER ST. BERNARD’S IN YOUR WILL

Do you have a will? A wonderful way to help our parish and to save taxes is to remember St. Bernard’s in your will. There is still plenty of work to be done in our church and also in the other buildings.

### WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

We as a parishioners of St. Bernard will make a walking pilgrimage to the cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, May 24th at 11:30 AM in order to receive plenary indulgence for our sins in this Jubilee year. We will have rides back to the church by our youth. It is the great event of this jubilee year. We will be praying rosary and singing songs in English, Karenni and Spanish. Once we enter through the main door of the cathedral, we will profess of our faith in three languages and receive our blessings. Those who would like and are interested please come and join.

Receive Holy Communion and Confession within three weeks (before or after) of the visit to one of the Pilgrim churches. Pray for the intentions of the Pope. Have the interior disposition of *complete detachment* from sin. A plenary indulgence takes away all punishment due to sins that were confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Catholic can gain only one plenary indulgence per day.

Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: Augustine of Canterbury, May 27

In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery. Hardly had he and his men reached Gaul when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to Gregory the Great—the pope who had sent them—only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless.

Augustine set out again. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester.

Work was sometimes slow and Augustine did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians—who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders—ended in dismal failure. Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs at variance with Rome and to forget their bitterness, helping him evangelize their Anglo-Saxon conquerors.

Laboring patiently, Augustine wisely heeded the missionary principles—quite enlightened for the times—suggested by Pope Gregory: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after his arrival, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the “Apostle of England.”